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*"This is a war which demands the utmost of all of us. By the efforts of Bundles for America, the personnel of the Navy is assisted in carrying on its share of the task of winning the final victory."*

What finer laurels could any American ask for than the supreme satisfaction of knowing that his or her contribution is hastening the day of Peace . . . with Victory!



All dressed up and plenty of places to go.





## A PLEDGE FOR AMERICANS

I am a citizen of the oldest republic in existence. I am proud of it.

I take pride in being a free citizen in a free society, but I know that the priceless blessing of liberty is not a heritage, but is won afresh or lost by each generation.

I therefore pledge myself to all those Americans who have gone before me and to all those who will come after me to do my part and to pass on this Freedom.

I will listen to no idle rumors. I will repeat no destructive gossip.

I will support loyally and in friendship all the United Nations who are joined with us in this righteous compact to defeat the Axis powers.

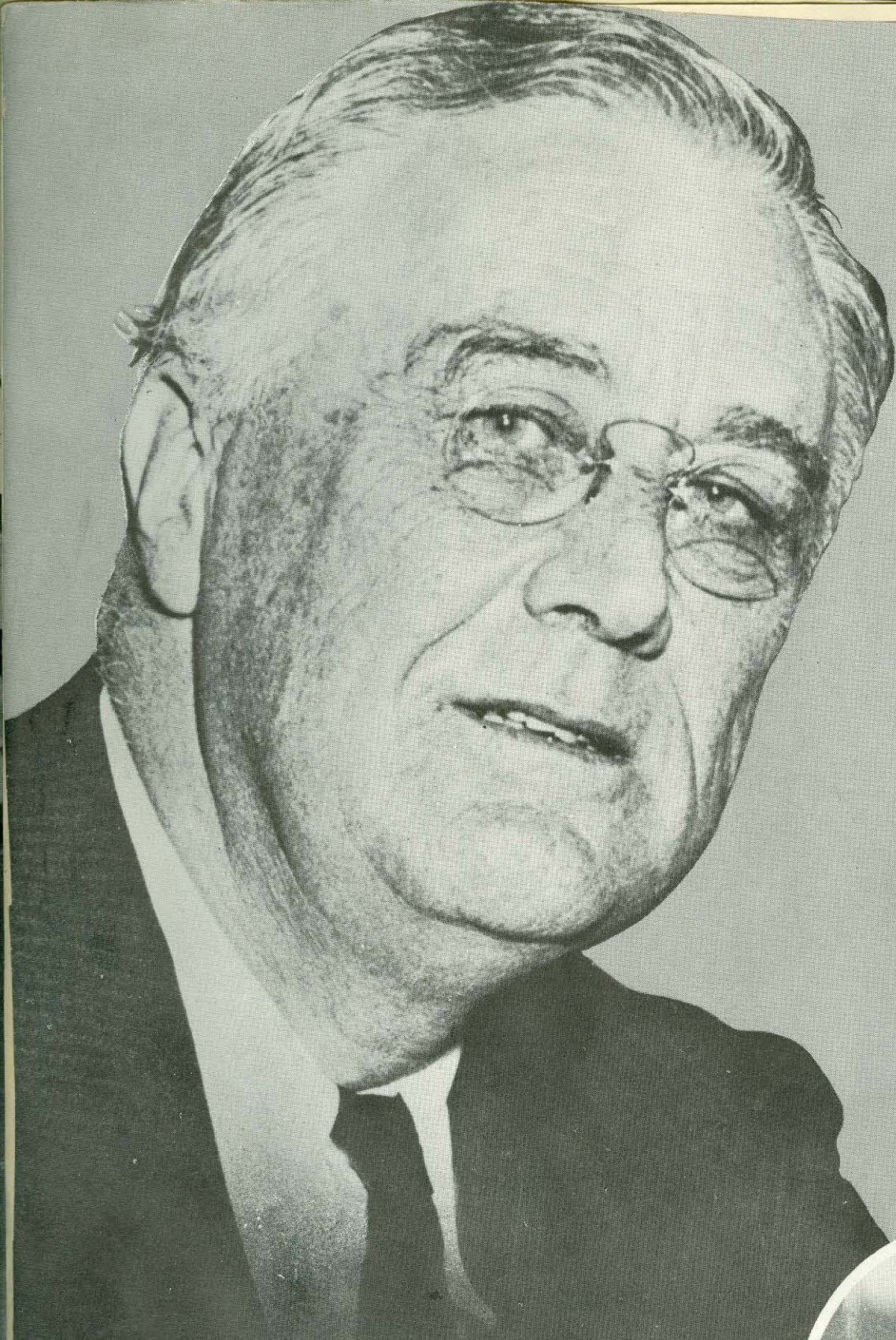
I know my country must win this war, and I will conduct myself as if I alone bore the responsibility for the victory of Democracy. In the words of a soldier of other days, "I will work, I will save, I will sacrifice, I will endure, I will fight cheerfully and do my utmost as if the issue of the whole struggle depended on me alone".

I dedicate myself to this cause. I swear that to win it, I will make any sacrifice, however great, and perform any task, however humble.

**So help me, God!**

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*"And so, in generous giving, we will affirm before the world our nation's faith in the inalienable right of every man to a life of freedom and justice and decent security."*

*Franklin D. Roosevelt*





BLOOMFIELD UNIT  
BUNDLES FOR AMERICA

ORGANIZED BY

MRS. B. H. ENGELKE

FEBRUARY - 1942

"Our country's welfare is our first concern, and who  
promotes that best, best proves his duty."

Dedicated to my son David Leonard  
Pallian who served his adopted  
country (USA) as a Chief Warrant  
Officer, U. S. Army Ordnance Dept.

1942 to 1946

Chicago Ordnance District

And to my son  
Bertram Harlow Engelke, Jr.  
who served his native country (USA)  
as a seaman 2/C in the U. S. Navy







Sinaida Engelle  
(Mrs B. H.)

It is gratifying to know that my efforts and accomplishments have been considered worthwhile and I had the privilege to be asked by the historian of Bloomfield, Mrs. A. V. Beeken to present the following information.

My past experience made me realize just what a helping hand really means to a helpless person however small the help may be.

I was glad to participate in the work and to carry it on. I was happy that the organization came through to triumph over every obstacle. My profound appreciation and personal gratitude goes to Mrs. Henry Kessler who was a great inspiration in my work, and each and everyone who worked for the worthy cause.

We all did our share to our country, and I will treasure in my memory the work which I did as the most valuable part of my life.

*Sinaida Engelke (Mrs B.H.)*

Sinaida Engelke

Founder and President of  
the Bloomfield Unit of  
Bundles for America



In February, 1942, there was an appeal in the Sunday Call for volunteer workers for the Bundles for America in Newark. On the following day I went to Newark offering my help. At the headquarters of the Bundles for America I met the President of the Chapter, Mrs. Henry Kessler (wife of the famous Dr. H. Kessler who served overseas performing miracles in surgery).

Mrs. Kessler explained to me the purpose of the organization, showed the work which had been accomplished by the members of the Chapter. She also supplied me with literature, posters, mittens to be sewed, offered wool on credit and advised me to organize a chapter in Bloomfield. She also said: "You have to have the work near to your heart if you want to succeed."

Mrs. Kessler invited me to the meeting of the Newark Chapter at her home on February 9th, where I became a member of the organization and proposed my friend Mrs. Evelyn Gordon of Bloomfield.

I was very much impressed with the spirit of the women and their sincerity. They made me understand and realize the importance of the work for such a worthwhile cause and I felt that as long as there was such a group of women, we always could look with confidence ahead to victory.

Mrs. Gordon and myself decided to find a place at Bloomfield Center to appeal for volunteer workers and to organize a sub-committee to the Newark Chapter of Bundles for America.

Mrs. A. Sanford and her daughter Mrs. Gladys Keyler, owner of the house at 558 Bloomfield Avenue (next to the Center Theatre), graciously contributed the use of a store, heat, telephone and sewing machine. They took a great interest in the success and helped with the sewing. They certainly deserve a sincere vote of appreciation and gratitude.

Formation of a Bloomfield sub-committee of the Newark Chapter of Bundles for America was announced by Mrs. J. H. Burges, secretary of the new unit, with Mrs. B. H. Engelke chairman for the Bloomfield organization.

Other committee members are as follows: Mrs. P. B. Gordon, vice president; Mrs. J. E. Barkelew, treasurer; Mrs. S. O. Noel, Mr. Louis Gans, Mr. David L. Pallian (son of Mrs. Engelke), controller.

Having the place, we needed tables and chairs. They were provided by Mrs. Louis Kramer of Montclair and the Sisterhood of the Temple Bnai Zion, 430 Franklin Street, Bloomfield.

We started to appeal for workers, scraps of materials, old cloth in good condition. The boy scouts lead by Mr. Pallian distributed circulars in which the purpose of the organization was explained.

I also went personally to different organizations and churches asking the ministers to announce the need from the pulpits and in the bulletins. After I proved to the local newspaper that the new organization was suggested by the President's Committee on War Relief in Washington, and had four hundred branches already, with headquarters in New York headed by Mrs. Wales Latham, the newspaper gave us publicity.

The response was very nice. We received a lot of new scraps from Mr. Hyman Schondorf and Mr. George Green in Bloomfield, also clothes. Our motto was to make use of everything. We started to give out wool for knitting mittens, sweaters, hel-



mets, socks, gloves and scarves. The distribution of knitted garments and comfort kits were made through Army and Navy supply channels. Busy women started to do sewing, darning, mending and cutting for the needy families of our boys. Everything was sent to the Distribution Center of the Bundles for America in New York. Mrs. Jean S. Romaine (1), Chairman of the Model Workshop in New York - Salvage work room where waste materials and unused clothing were converted into practical garments for war emergency needs, a major work of Bundles for America. She helped us with her ideas and suggestions to become one of the 500 Salvage Work Rooms of branches in 46 states. Mrs. Romaine also kept supplying us with scraps of new materials which the clever-fingered women used, being advised by Mrs. John Morrison Curtis, guest speaker at one of the meetings of the Bloomfield unit of the Bundles for America, who was the founder of the Refugee Relief Workroom in Summit, N. J.

All clothing which was collected and assorted, has been divided between the League for Friendly Service in Bloomfield, which kept it for emergency in case of disaster, and part has been sent to the warehouse of the Bundles for America in New York.

During the Victory Salvage Fashion Fair of the Bundles for America at the Hotel Astor under the leadership of the National President, Mrs. Wales Latham and sponsored by Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Admiral Chester W. NIMITZ, Admiral Ernest KING, Rear Admiral Adolphus ANDREWS and many other distinguished sponsors. A quilt which has been made by the members of the Auxiliary of the Park Methodist Church in Bloomfield has been on display, won the recognition as a most beautiful creation, also a few salvage skirts made at the workshop of the Bloomfield unit of Bundles for America.

Later on afghans and quilts had been contributed by Mrs. A. Sanford and the Baptist Church, organizations and citizens. Some of those with the permission of the President of the Bundles for America in New York have been raffled off to be able to pay with the money for the wool, which has been supplied by quota through the headquarters of the Bundles for America in New York. Other resources have been obtained by membership dues (\$1 per year), cake sale, bridge parties, strawberry festival. Most of the money has been spent for buying wool to be able to supply our boys in the Armed Forces with sweaters, mittens, mufflers, gloves, helmets, socks, scarves and comfort kits. Those articles which the Bloomfield chapter sent have been praised and considered outstanding.

In addition to furnishing our fighting forces, we aid the men of our merchant marine, the wives and families of men of our forces and civilians who became casualties of war. We carry out this work effectively. The sewing has been done in a professional way and the Bloomfield unit won the recognition of one of the best. We kept on sending tremendous amounts of supplies to the Distribution Center of the Bundles for America in New York. The Bloomfield unit also contributed a large amount of quilts to the Service Men's Club in Newark where our boys have been supplied with free meals and lodging. Afghans have been sent to the hospitals. The Bloomfield unit answered the appeal of the President of the headquarters in New York by equipping a day room at Camp Kilmer near New Brunswick. A piano, records, desk, chairs, etc. have been sent.

Books collected at the Victory Book Drive have been sent to the headquarters for distribution. Also Christmas packages have been sent through the headquarters by the Bloomfield unit.

During the drive an appeal requested by the National Headquarters of the Bundles for America in New York that I spoke at the Mom's Club. This was during their meeting at the Community House in Bloomfield. I also spoke at the Episcopalian



arch, Bloomfield, at one of the churches in Nutley, and the Temple Bnai Zion in Bloomfield. The response was splendid.

The unit had on exhibit garments and knitted articles which have been done at churches, different homes and at the workshop. The place has been graciously offered by Singer Company at Broad Street, Bloomfield and also at the Women's Club of Bloomfield and the Upper Montclair Women's Club. I also advised at the board meeting the unit to organize another unit. I asked Mrs. Martha Sacharoff who graciously offered her home, time, hands, and knowledge. The unit has been organized and the production was immensely thankful to the efforts of the workers. Over 100 garments were made. Afghans, socks, helmets and sweaters by President Mrs. Martha Sacharoff assisted by Miss F. V. DeHart, Miss D. Hunt, Miss Mary Pollack, Mrs. C. Skinner, and Mrs. F. I. Zuhr.

Then came the day of celebrating one year of our work. It took place at the Women's Club. I expressed my deepest gratitude to the members of the organization for their unselfish efforts, for rendering a memorable service to their country in time of war, for giving me the privilege to work with them, for their contribution toward the fulfillment of programs. I was happy to hear from some of the members that they are proud of me, however I was proud of their spiritual concept behind the bundles for America. New officers elected at the meeting which was held at the home of Mrs. Henry Ziverling are: Mrs. Bertram H. Engelke (re-elected president); Miss Mary C. Pollack, first vice president; Miss Fanny V. N. DeHart, second vice president; Mrs. Adolph Marden, secretary and Mrs. K. C. Kammerman, treasurer. A production committee was named including: Mrs. George Amos, Mrs. S. F. Segge, Mrs. Henry Ziverling, Mrs. F. J. Zuhr.

As the war was going on the quota was raised and our production accordingly. During this time we have been forced to move a few times because the stores have been rented and the unit could not remain free of rent charge any longer. We accepted a store in winter without heat at 283 Glenwood Avenue, courtesy of Mrs. S. Johnson, but we as soldiers stuck to it keeping in our minds that our boys have to go through even more worse experiences. Every time I used to go in, Mr. Johnson would say: "You are going in the refrigerator." However I survived and kept working with women who considered of great importance the physical warmth of our boys, making them comfortable. Thanks to the faithful cooperation of the devoted women who dedicated their energies to this vital work, the record of the production grew steadily more impressive.

By this time Bundles for America had 4 major Distribution Depots. From hundreds of branches and units all over the country, a constant flow of merchandise poured into these central depots. All articles of wearing apparel have been carefully examined, sorted, reconditioned and ready for immediate shipment.

Requisitions have been regularly received from Army Emergency Relief and Navy Relief. On recommendation of the agencies, the families of servicemen have been fitted and clothed. Honorably discharged servicemen have been outfitted. All knitted garments have been distributed on specific requisition from Commanding or Supply Officer. Kit bags have been delivered to military, naval and coast guard units on request from the authorities involved.

After serving 2 terms as chairman of the unit of the Bundles for America, I have been appointed as a member of the Board of Directors. Mrs. George Amos took the chairman. Mrs. George Amos arranged the celebration of the second birthday of the Bloomfield unit at the Park Methodist Church on March 31st in splendid patriotic array. Lunch has been served by the ladies of Auxiliary. One of the active workers Miss Cora J. Pierson decorated attractively the tables. The party was well attended.



by workers and guests. Mrs. George Amos, chairman of the unit, was toastmistress. She had high praise for the members of the unit. A very special tribute has been paid to the oldest member of the unit, Mrs. Emma Noll. She also mentioned the splendid work done by members of the Essex Avenue Unit of the Bundles for America in Glen Ridge under capable supervision of Mrs. Martha Sacharoff. Among the guests were Mrs. John N. Ledbetter Jr. of National Headquarters in New York, who praised the very good work of the unit. Mrs. Edward Fenias, president of the Newark Chapter spoke of the work of "Bundles" in general. Civilians and servicemen have sought their help and have always been benefited. Mrs. A. McKeevy, wool chairman of the Newark unit mentioned how much the good work of the Bloomfield unit had facilitated matters for her and her staff of workers.

The president of the headquarters of the Bundles for America congratulated us for the tremendous work done so successfully by our unit paying me a tribute as an organizer of it. In my message for my associates, I gave a brief resume of the local unit from its inception and expressed my great happiness at the way it had weathered many storms during its two years existence, and came through to triumph over every obstacle.

I considered myself as the mother of this organization, which was dear to me as my children. I was watching it grow, devoting my time, giving my love, and enjoying seeing it successful. I paid my tribute and respect to the President, Mrs. George Amos, for leading the workers in a spirit to speed the peace. I finished with a prayer and hope that God will lead us soon to peace and return safely our boys and all the rest of them of the United Nations.

The guest speaker of the day was Mrs. John A. Reed (the wife of the Mayor of Bloomfield). Her talk mingled with bits of poetry inspired by the war and written by servicemen and civilians. She awakened in her listeners the realization that even after the war is finished, there is much to be done, and she asked: "Can we meet the challenge? Are we big enough?"

Miss Virginia Todd supplied the musical part of the program giving several piano selections. She also played the accompaniment for the "Star Spangled Banner" which opened the gala party.

Officers at this time of the Bloomfield Unit are as follows: Mrs. George Amos, chairman; Mrs. Martha Sacharoff, co-chairman; Mrs. Viola Altheiser, secretary; and Mrs. Helene Kermit Kammerman, re-elected treasurer. The directors: Mrs. B. H. Engelke, Mrs. Emma Noll, Mrs. F. S. Toadvine, Miss Cora Pierson, Miss Fannie De Hart, Miss Mary Pollack, Mrs. Edward Zuhr. Guests of Mrs. B. H. Engelke were Mrs. A. V. Beeken and Miss Mae Brown.

Mrs. George Amos was a great inspiration to the workers and handled the organization capably. Thanks to her human sympathy, unselfish efforts and understanding, the organization has grown and multiplied its services to the men of our Armed Forces and their families. Mrs. Viola Altheiser, secretary, rendered a memorable service to the country in time of war.

On October 3rd, 1945, the Board of Directors of the Bloomfield Unit for Bundles for America met at the Park Methodist Church in Bloomfield to celebrate peace. Lunch had been served by the members of the auxiliary of the church. Members of the organization and guests attended. Mrs. George Amos, spoke informally on the accomplishments of the Chapter during nearly four years of its existence and thanked the members for their wonderful support. Each member was singled out for special commendation, and the Essex Avenue Unit, which worked independently of the larger group, was asked to stand and "take a bow."



I mentioned that we met on a very happy occasion to celebrate peace and to make an inventory of what we contributed to speed the peace. We prayed to God to have again peace on earth, to save our boys, to watch over them wherever they have been, and to bring them back to us. We mourned those who gave their lives, so that the future generation could live in a world without war.

We thank God for accepting our prayers, for being gracious to us, for giving wisdom to our President to lead us to peace. It is very gratifying to know that we did our share. I was fortunate enough to have the privilege to be one of the group who worked for the worthy cause. I thanked every one for the inspiration, help and cooperation.

To the President, Mrs. George Amos, I paid my respect and tribute as to a very capable and splendid leader of the organization, under whose leadership it was a real pleasure to work, with my wish and hope that she will continue to work for the good and welfare of the community and be successful. Mrs. George Amos and the rest of the workers have not looked for glory or reward, but the nations owe them a debt of gratitude.

We who are privileged to work with them are proud of our kinship in this common cause. They have gladdened the hearts of countless thousands of our fighting men, helped to ease or erase the worries of women and children.

Special tribute was accorded Miss Elsa Schumacher, executive secretary of the Community Chest, who, as Mrs. Amos put it, "came to our aid when we were greatly in need."

It was agreed to turn over the balance of funds in possession of the local Chapter to Mrs. T. Peachy Spencer, head of the Red Cross Motor Corps, for a special project which will provide boxes for boys who will be confined at Camp Kilmer at Christmas.

Tribute was also paid Mrs. B. H. Engelke, first chairman of the Chapter, and thanks was expressed to the Independent Press for its support in the way of publicity.

Attending the luncheon were Mrs. Amos, Mrs. Viola Altheiser, Mrs. T. Peachy Spencer, Mrs. B. H. Engelke, Miss Elsa Schumacher, Mrs. Edward Fenias, Mrs. Leo Sackaroff, Mrs. Helene Kammerman, Mrs. Emma Wolf, Mrs. Joseph J. McLaughlin, Miss Cora Pierson, Mrs. Henry S. Todd, Miss Emma L. Luther, Mrs. J. T. Daniels, Miss M. Brown, Mrs. William E. Howard, Mrs. Marion C. Coates and Mrs. Robert B. Smith, Mrs. Rita M. Zuhr, Miss Mary C. Pollock, Fanny V. N. DeHart, Elizabeth A. Hunt, Clara N. Sutton, Mrs. Katheryne Skinner, Mrs. Edna A. Hector, Mrs. Dora M. Graves and Mrs. Willard Galvion. Decorations were in the appropriate patriotic vein.



Statements From Letters Addressed to Mrs. B. H. Engelke (Organizer and President  
of the Bloomfield Unit "Bundles for "America")

April 16, 1942

My dear Mrs. Engelke:

It seems that we are forever being very grateful to you for all your splendid work. Now we want to tell you how much we appreciate all your knitting, and to thank you very deeply for your unswerving interest in us.

All this splendid cooperation is most heart-  
ening.

Yours very truly,

Jessie Kessler  
(Mrs. Henry H) President of the Newark Chap-  
ter of Bundles for America

National Headquarters  
New York, N. Y.  
June 2, 1942

My dear Mrs. Engelke:

You are really doing a marvelous job, do keep up the good work as you are an inspiration to all!

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Natalie Wales Latham,  
Mrs. Walen Latham, President  
of Bundles for America, Inc.



June 23, 1942

My dear Mrs. Engelke:

A thousand thanks for the wonderful knitted garments returned to us, for the beautiful salvaged garments which have already found most appreciative homes, and for the smocks you included in your generous carton.

We do so appreciate your wonderful efforts, and your splendid work is a great inspiration to others.

Very sincerely yours,

Jessie Kessler  
(Mrs. Henry H.) President of Newark Branch

National Headquarters  
New York, N. Y.  
October 23, 1942

Dear Mrs. Engelke:

I have read a copy of your speech with much interest and admiration. It is very beautiful and moving, and I feel sure everyone who heard it must have been inspired to greater service.

Congratulations to your fine and courageous work and that of your co-workers. It is spirit of your kind that will win the war. Many, many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Natalie Wales Latham  
Mrs. Wales Latham, President  
of Bundles for America, Inc.



National Headquarters,  
New York, N. Y.  
November 24, 1942

Dear Mrs. Engelke:

We are impressed with your alert comprehension of opportunity to serve our men and have our profound esteem and appreciation for work you have accomplished.

Very sincerely,

Frances Gent  
Mrs. Ernest V. Gent, National  
Director of Branches

December 12, 1945

Dear Chairman:

It is with mixed feelings of pride, regret and joy that I am sending you this letter - pride in a job well done and worthy of our best American traditions, regret that our association is over before I had the opportunity to meet you and thank you, personally, and, finally, joy that peace has at last come to us and that our men will soon be home with their families.

The services rendered by Bundles for America, Inc. during World War II, which have been attested by the Government, military officials and thousands of servicemen, were possible only because of the marvelous cooperation of all our loyal volunteers in all widespread branches.

I am sure that the following statements will be of interest to you and your loyal co-workers, especially the note from your auditor showing how much was used for relief and how little was spent for overhead.

It is with sincere good wishes and the hope that you may continue this work in your own locality helping the returning veterans to get established that I bid you good-bye and extend to you again the heartiest thanks from National Headquarters for all you have done to make Bundles the grand success it has been.

Yours very sincerely,

Aaidre S. Langhorne  
Mrs. Cary D. Langhorne  
National President



Gratitude To the "Patriotic Citizens" Who Graciously Contributed the Use of the Vacant Stores. Names as Following:

Mrs. A. Sanford and her daughter Mrs. Gladys Keyler 558 Bloomfield Avenue

Mr. S. Spitz 294 Glenwood Avenue

Mr. J. A. Johnson 283 Glenwood Avenue (Corby Coal Company)

Mr. B. Krulewitz 600 Bloomfield Avenue Kay's Department Store

China Lantern Bloomfield Avenue

Mrs. Mary Cohane 55 Washington Street

Jimmy Dedeola assisted in moving and delivering packages

Mrs. Henry S. Todd. Mrs. Robert B. Smith, representative Red Cross. Mrs. Willard Galvion have been in charge of transportation.

Mrs. Joseph J. McLaughlin representative the Bloomfield Independent Press has been a great help for the organization in her publicity job.

A special thanks to Mrs. Helene Kammerman, treasurer of the Bundles for America who kept the books in a professional way.

Mrs. A. Brown, 80 years old who continuously knitted for our boys, earned the heartiest thanks of appreciation, also her daughter Mae Brown. Mrs. Edna A. Hector, Mrs. A. Kessel, Miss Emma L. Luther, Miss A. Osiech, Mrs. Katheryne Skinner, Mrs. Dora M. Graves.

Mrs. Marion C. Coates and Mrs. S. O. Noel for whom rain, snow, storm or zero weather could be no excuse of keeping the door of the chapter closed.

The Essex Avenue Unit which met at the home of Mrs. Leo Sacharoff of Glen Ridge rendered a memorable service to their country in time of war.

The Bloomfield Chapter of the Bundles for America enjoyed the work with them.

The women who worked there are: Miss Fanny V. N. De Hart, Miss Elizabeth A. Hunt, Miss Clara N. Sutton, Mrs. Katheryne Skinner, Mrs. Dora M. Graves, Miss Marry Pollock, Mrs. Rita M. Zuhr.

Mrs. Frank Zuhr has secured the services of a group of girls to do snipping for pillows for convalescent hospitals, also two group of girls from Brookdale have started work on a patchwork quilt.

The Bloomfield Chapter of Bundles for America contributed to hospital at Wheequake Park, chairs, lamps, musical instruments, records, afghans, also visited the hospital for Camp Kilmer prizes for the boys played Bingo, Christmas gift boxes, also personal gifts to the veterans who returned to Bloomfield, kit bags have been sent to our boys. Miniature kit bags creation of Mrs. George Amos have been given by her to the workers of the Bundles for America at the luncheon.



The President's War Relief Control Board - "As an agency created to meet a war-time emergency we feel that Bundles for America, Inc. has done a useful and timely job of which all of the people associated with the work should be proud. I am sure that the thousands of volunteer workers who have been active in the program will long remember the satisfaction of their very direct participation in the war effort. They certainly have earned the gratitude of the large number of servicemen and their families who have benefited directly by their efforts. The men and women who, in your national headquarters and throughout the country, have provided the leadership which made it possible for the program to go forward certainly deserve a vote of thanks from all of us.

"...the standing of Bundles for America, Inc. with the President's War Relief Control Board is of the highest. We especially appreciate the spirit of cooperation and mutual understanding which has been characteristic of our relationship with Bundles for America, Inc."

National Information Bureau - "Thank you very much for the resolution of your Board of Directors.....and congratulations on your success in bringing about this business-like decision. It is not often that emergency philanthropic organizations act with your wisdom and dispatch on a matter of this character, so you may well be proud of this record."

Army Service Forces, Headquarters, Second Service Command - "I wish to take this opportunity to extend to you and to the members of your organization my sincere appreciation of the outstanding services which you have rendered to military personnel of this Command and their dependents. Since the organization of Bundles for America, Inc. in 1942 you have provided clothing and articles of relief for many thousands of needy relatives of military personnel in this area. You have contributed not only to the health and welfare of these dependents, but added immeasurably to the morale of the soldier concerned in relieving him of some of the financial responsibility and worry that might otherwise have distracted him from his military duties. Your organization has also been of outstanding service to many installations of this Command whose day rooms and recreation halls have been furnished through the generosity of your members.

"I have a deep appreciation of the unselfish service performed by the members of Bundles for America, Inc., during the past three years. Their activities throughout the war period have been of great assistance to this Command in the carrying out of its responsibilities."

Headquarters, Eastern Defense Command - "Bundles for America has made an inestimable contribution to the comfort, welfare and morale of fighting men and their families at a time when such help was urgently needed. Your work has brought many pleasant moments to men and women to whom pleasant moments have come far too seldom in these last few years.

"...may I thank all the volunteer workers of Bundles for America who have devoted long hours to sewing, knitting and salvaging garments,



to repairing and distributing furniture, and to equipping day rooms at Army camps. Their contribution has truly been a significant factor in our victory. I know I speak for all who have benefited from your organization's tireless efforts when I express my deep gratitude for its splendid achievement."

Army Service Forces, Personal Affairs Office - "Your organization has been of the greatest assistance to Army Emergency Relief and to this office in carrying out its mission of assisting soldiers and veterans and their dependents. The very substantial contribution which was thus rendered was of incalculable value to the morale of servicemen and their families.

"Aside from the articles distributed by your group, a very important factor has been the spirit of the workers. These good people have always had in mind the morale factor and the importance of rendering assistance without lengthy investigation or the appearance of bestowing charity. This attitude greatly increases the value of the help given the applicant."

Army Service Forces, Port of Embarkation - "The very real service which Bundles for America, Inc. has rendered for enlisted men and women has earned the deep gratitude of all who were fortunate enough to receive the assistance your various departments so graciously extended. In addition my own work was made richly rewarding through the additional help which this office was able to offer as a friendly contribution to public-spirited citizens who appreciated the value of such work and gave willingly of their time, effort and money to further it.

"I know that everyone who participated in your tremendous accomplishment feels the deep sense of spiritual comfort and satisfaction which attends an effort of this kind, and extend through you my sincere personal appreciation to the hundreds of unnamed workers who built the enviable record achieved by Bundles for America, Inc. during the war."

U. S. Coast Guard - ".....I would like to express again my admiration of the fine work performed by you, and to reiterate my appreciation of your many services performed on behalf of the men of this Base."

Seamen's Church Institute - "The Seamen's Church Institute has found Bundles for America to be of very valuable assistance in its program for merchant seamen, and we wish to express our very sincere appreciation for the many courtesies which have been extended to merchant seamen through your efforts. Were it not for various gifts of warm clothing and men's furnishings which have been supplied in the past to our Slop Chest, we would have found it most difficult to meet the pressing needs of seamen who, through no fault of their own, required warm gear."

American Red Cross - "I am sure that it must give you and your associates great gratification to realize the important contribution which your organization has made during the war emergency.

"With great appreciation for the services rendered by Bundles for America and congratulations to you."



ARTHUR J. MANNIX

Executive Public Relations

HEADQUARTERS

SECOND SERVICE COMMAND

ARMY SERVICE FORCES

In recognition of meritorious service performed by

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BUNDLES FOR AMERICA

this CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

is presented to commend the members and associates who have voluntarily assisted in the accomplishment of many missions assigned to this command in the prosecution of World War II.

te SEPTEMBER 21, 1945

T. A. Durry

Major General, U. S. Army, Commanding

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November 7, 1945

To the Officers, Directors and Members  
Bundles for America, Inc.  
20 Warren Street  
New York City

Gentlemen:

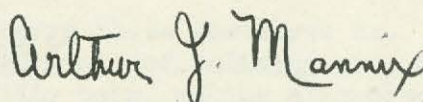
I have examined your accounts as kept at National Headquarters for the period beginning July 1, 1944 and ending October 31, 1945 and have reviewed the reports of independent auditors prior to July 1, 1944.

In connection therewith I have examined and reviewed the reports of production and distribution of articles produced by the various branches and regional headquarters.

From these records I find that your organization produced from Pearl Harbor day to date of suspension on September 30, 1945 a total of 2,322,195 articles and various kinds of services, which had a reasonable monetary value of \$6,207,777.40, all of which went to members of the Armed Forces of the United States, or their dependents.

You will be gratified to know that the ratio of operating expenses to receipts for the period January 1, 1945 to October 31, 1945 at which date the books of your National Organization were closed was 3.94%, an extremely low operating cost.

Very truly yours,



Arthur J. Mannix  
Certified Public Accountant

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## THE ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

### 1. WHAT IS BUNDLES FOR AMERICA?

A non-profit, war relief membership corporation, organized and supported by Americans as a service to the members of our Armed Forces, our merchant marine, and their families.

### 2. WHEN WAS IT INCORPORATED?

In November, 1941.

### 3. DOES IT OPERATE UNDER GOVERNMENT SUPERVISION?

Yes. Bundles for America is approved and registered with the President's War Relief Control Board.

### 4. IS BUNDLES FOR AMERICA A MEMBER AGENCY OF THE NATIONAL WAR FUND?

No. It is an independent home front service. It richly merits the support of every patriotic American, as well as Community and War Chests.

### 5. WHAT ARE ITS PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES?

There are three main divisions: a) Knitting and salvage sewing for our Armed Forces and their dependents; b) Supplying comfort service kits to our men; and c) Furnishing day rooms and recreation huts at Army camps and military outposts, providing canteens both stationary and mobile for inductees and enlisted men.

### 6. WHAT FURTHER SERVICES DOES IT PERFORM?

Has only one credit - to serve those who serve us. Services include mending and repairing garments of enlisted men, operating shoe repair, supplying utility bags, making slippers, chair pads, hospital jackets, arranging Christmas parties for servicemen, furnishing sun and recreation rooms at hospitals, acting as hostesses at canteens for merchant seamen, collecting books for libraries, jewelry for Baubles for Barter, salvage for wartime needs.

### 7. IS BUNDLES FOR AMERICA A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION?

Yes. There are 350 self-supporting branches and units in operation in 38 states.



8. HOW LARGE IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

There are more than 50,000 regular workers in the organization and thousands of volunteers.

9. WHAT HAVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE CONTRIBUTED TO YOUR WORK AND WHAT HAD BUNDLES FOR AMERICA ACCOMPLISHED WITH THEIR SUPPORT?

Cash contributions, gifts, knitted garments, sewed garments, kit bags. Six canteens had been placed in service and 888 day rooms had been furnished. All finds are used for the production of materials, the operation of workrooms and distribution centers.

10. ARE COMPLETE AND DETAILED RECORDS KEPT?

Yes. Complete and detailed records are maintained and are open to the public.

11. WHAT COMPENSATION IF ANY, DO YOUR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS RECEIVE?

They serve without pay. There are no personal expense accounts. The only compensation is the knowledge of a good job well done.

12. HOW ARE THE ACTIVITIES OF BUNDLES FOR AMERICA COORDINATED TO AVOID DUPLICATION WITH THOSE OF OTHER WARRELATED AGENCIES?

Distribution of knitted garments is made on direct requisition by Army, Navy and Coast Guard officials. We work in close cooperation with the Seamen's Church Institute, The United Seamen's Service, The Marine Hospitals, and the designated Relief Societies of the Armed Forces and other relief organizations.

13. HOW IS YOUR WORK REGARDED BY SERVICEMEN, COMMANDING OFFICERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS?

The Armed Forces have honored us with citations and letters of commendation. Also letters of "Thank you" from our fighting men and from members of their families.

14. HOW DOES ONE BECOME A MEMBER OF BUNDLES OF AMERICA?

Membership is open to any American, young or old, who is willing and able to make a contribution of time, money or effort toward this vital work. There is a nominal registration fee of \$1.00.



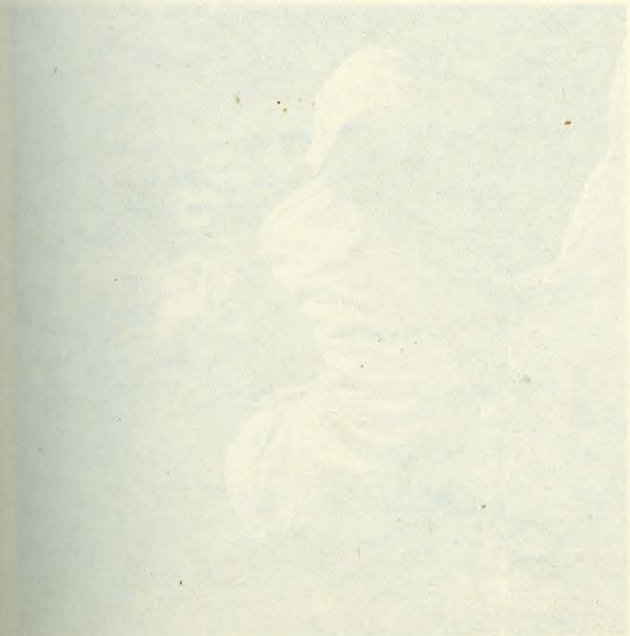
15. DO YOU SOLICIT CONTRIBUTIONS IN KIND?

Yes. New or worn clothing in useable condition. Home furnishings suitable for use in army day rooms and recreation huts.

16. ARE GIFTS TO BUNDLES FOR AMERICA TAX-EXEMPT?

Yes. In the manner provided by law.

Bundles for America gave a chance to every patriotic American to participate in the war, to lighten the burden of those who are working, fighting, dying to preserve, our way of life.



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*This Commander of a medium tank is dressed for winter in heavy woolen helmet and knitted gloves such as Bundles for America is furnishing to men of all services of our army and navy.*

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## BUNDLES for AMERICA

has been founded to make it possible for millions of Americans to help our fighting forces.

It is probably the simplest organization in the world to join.

Your own desire to help win this war, and any contribution which you make, either of time or money, enrolls you in this great work. But more than this, Bundles for America will give tangible proof each day to our fighting men that we stand close by them, that our hearts are with them wherever they are.

The help you give goes directly to them without red tape, without delay.

The greatest needs of our sailors braving icy waters of the North, and our soldiers on duty in Iceland or other northern posts, now are for warm knitted sweaters, helmets, scarves, socks, gloves and the carefully packed comforts kits which our workers now are making.

If you wish to help knit these garments PLEASE START AT ONCE AND GET THEM IN WITH ALL SPEED, AS THEY ARE MOST URGENTLY NEEDED. You can buy wool at cost in any of our branches and receive official army and navy knitting instructions.

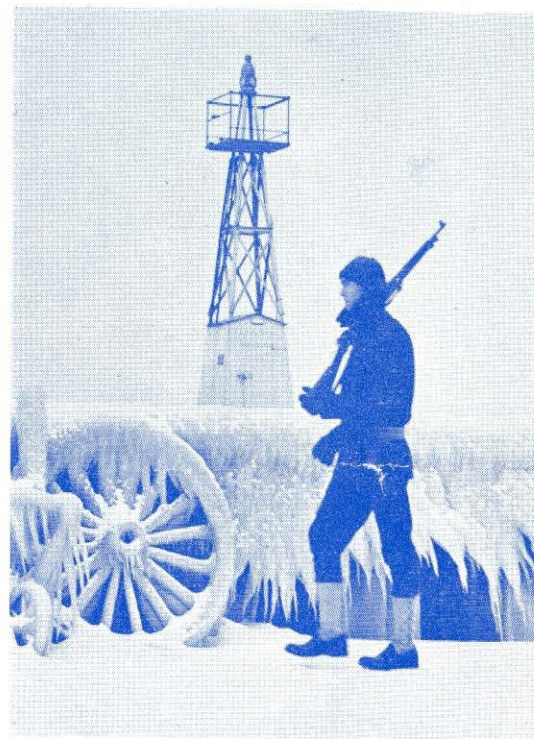
If you wish to make comforts kits, we will tell you how and we urge you here again to start immediately because hundreds of thousands are needed. There are scores of other important tasks awaiting you.

This means that there must be a branch in every city, town and village in the country. If there is not already a branch in your community, please help us organize one. A letter to National Headquarters will bring full information as to how you can form a branch. Your leadership will enable thousands of citizens to give warm effective expression of their desire to help win this war!

Bundles for America is dedicated to the aid of America in winning this war. In addition to furnishing comforts and necessities to our fighting forces, we seek to aid the men of our merchant marine, the wives and families of men of our forces and civilians who become casualties of war.

This program requires the help of all. We need volunteers to knit, make garments in our sewing rooms for the wives and babies of our fighting men. To carry on this work effectively, we need contributions of money. No sum is too large or too small.

This is truly the outpouring of aid from the hearts of America. We invite you to be a part of it.



*He can sound the alarm against the enemy, but we must help him defeat General Winter!*

*They guard cold, bleak coasts in Alaska. These men brave not only the perils of war, but fight intense cold, too. You can help them through Bundles for America.*



*Behind the Women... Behind the Men... Behind the Guns!*



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BLOOMFIELD, N. J.

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Please stop and see  
me some time soon.

E. Beeken -

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